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7. [REDACTED] Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) called to say that he had talked further by phone with Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.) who is now on the west coast and still hoped to arrange a breakfast briefing at the Agency on Wednesday, 26 November. Mr. Marsh said that Talcott had already lined up three Republicans and Marsh planned several Democratic colleagues including some from outside the Appropriations Committee so it would not be primarily an Appropriations Committee show. I told Marsh this was fine but would still have to be guided by word from Chairman Mahon.

I told Mr. Marsh I had continued to look into the question he had raised with us about who, if anyone, in the executive departments is responsible for reviewing from a security standpoint release of counterpart funds to foreign governments for the conduct of scientific research-- some of which Marsh suspects may be going to projects of military application. I said after checking with contacts in Defense, State and the White House, I still didn't have the answer and assumed that this was not being done systematically anywhere. Marsh said this confirmed his suspicions and he might take up the problem with the White House or the State Department himself.

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8. [REDACTED] Met with Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and reviewed with him Committee use of the transcript of the Director's testimony on Laos. It was agreed that delivery of the transcript to the Committee on a daily basis would be discontinued after today. The transcript will be held by the Agency subject to the call of the Chairman.

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9. [REDACTED] Met separately with Chairman George P. Miller and Mr. James Wilson, Professional Staff Member, House Science and Astronautics Committee, and updated the information previously provided concerning a Soviet space event. Representative Miller indicated that time will be limited during the coming week due to the holiday, but that he wants to move forward in arranging a meeting of certain of his Sub-committee chairmen for briefing on current Soviet space activities. I thanked the Chairman and told him we would await his pleasure.

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Wednesday - 19 November 1969

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1.

Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) called to say that he and Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.) had separately raised with Chairman Mahon, of the Appropriations Committee, the possibility of bringing some of their colleagues to the Agency for a breakfast briefing. According to Marsh, Mahon had told them both that he thought this would be a good idea and he would call the Agency about it. I explained to Marsh that we would prefer to let the matter rest until the Chairman did call since we wanted to be quite sure we handled the matter in accordance with his wishes. Marsh said this would be satisfactory with him but that he hoped that we could go ahead on 26 November, since Talcott had already mentioned the possibility to Representatives Wyatt (R., Oreg.), Wyman (R., N.H.), and McDade (R., Penna.). Marsh said he had not contacted any of his Democratic colleagues and would hold off until he heard from us.

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2.

Advised Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) that Mr. Maury had made extensive checks in the Executive Branch including the Department of State and the Department of Defense and was unable to find the existence of any approval procedure or mechanism covering National Science Foundation's use of counterpart funds for research purposes. Marsh thanked us for looking into this and again expressed his opinion that there should be such a mechanism.

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3.

Hand carried to Mr. George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, an Agency report entitled: West European Gas Centrifuge Development. This was provided by [redacted] of OSI, by way of followup to his briefing of Murphy on this subject.

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4.

Saw William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and advised him of the Director's appearance before the Symington Subcommittee with Ambassador Unger on Monday, pointing out that the Director was not called upon.

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6. [REDACTED] Met with James Gehrig, Staff Director of the Senate Space Committee, and alerted him of the possibility of another Soviet lunar attempt next week. I also checked with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on a question which Mr. Gehrig had pertaining to military aspects of the Soviet space program.

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7. [REDACTED] Picked up from Al Tarabochia, on the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, the transcript of the testimony of [REDACTED] to further review several items in that transcript.

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8. [REDACTED] Left with William Miller, on the staff of Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.), unclassified items which Mr. Bruce Clarke had pulled together for Senator Cooper in response to his request for this kind of material pertaining to the Sino-Soviet border dispute.

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10. [REDACTED] Checked with Ed Braswell, Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who informed me that all of the deletions suggested by Mr. Bruce Clarke to the transcript of the Secret Senate session on the ABM were agreed to by the Department of Defense.

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Monday - 3 November 1969

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1. [REDACTED] Miss Kimie Ishibashi, Personal Secretary to Senator Daniel Inouye (D., Hawaii), said the Senator regretted that he would be unable to address the Senior Intelligence Seminar this Friday but said he would be happy to talk with groups of approximately ten persons in his office on the Hill if this should prove desirable at sometime in the future. I asked Miss Ishibashi to thank the Senator and I indicated that we would probably want to accept his offer at sometime in the future.

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2. [REDACTED] Mel Christopher, ACDA Congressional Liaison office, called regarding the draft reply to the letter from Chairman Holifield of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy regarding the Beecher article of 2 October. ACDA would like to add a sentence to paragraph two of the draft indicating that they are forwarding to DOD and CIA copies of Holifield's letter of 22 October to ACDA.

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Mr. Christopher asked if we had any objection to this. After checking with [REDACTED] DDI, I advised Mr. Christopher that we would prefer that the sentence in question not be included in the response to Holifield.

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3. [REDACTED] Called the office of Senator Abraham Ribicoff as a follow-up to his request to the Director for information on one [REDACTED] involved with U. S. PX activities in Saigon. Senator Ribicoff will be out of town this week but his office will call Monday to make an appointment.

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4. [REDACTED] Arranged for Representative John O. Marsh to address the Advanced Intelligence Seminar at Headquarters at 0900 on Friday, 7 November 1969.

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5. [REDACTED] Bob Keefe, in the office of Senator Birch Bayh, called to say that a visitor from [REDACTED] wished to [REDACTED] get in touch with us. FE Division is following up.

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